

STATE OF IOWA
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
UTILITIES BOARD

IN RE: FARMERS MUTUAL COOPERATIVE TELEPHONE COMPANY	DOCKET NO. TCU-99-16
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ORDER GRANTING APPLICATION TO AMEND CERTIFICATE

(Issued July 8, 1999)

On May 28, 1999, Farmers Mutual Cooperative Telephone Company (Farmers) filed an application for an amendment to its certificate of public convenience and necessity, number 0050, to permit Farmers to provide resold local exchange services in the State of Iowa. The purpose of the requested amendment is to permit Farmers to provide land-line local telephone services throughout the Portsmouth and Harlan, Iowa, exchanges, which are currently served by GTE Midwest Incorporated (GTE). Farmers provided a letter of notice to a service list of affected persons. Farmers has filed a statement of concurrence with the filed GTE service territory maps for the Portsmouth and Harlan exchanges.

The deadline for filing objections to Farmers' application was June 17, 1999. No objections were filed.

Based upon the information provided by Farmers, the Board finds that Farmers possesses the technical, financial, and managerial ability to provide the service it proposes to render. The Board also finds, based upon the information

provided by Farmers, that the proposed service is consistent with the public interest. Pursuant to IOWA CODE § 476.29(2), Farmers' application for amendment of its certificate is granted and an amended certificate will be issued upon approval of Farmers' tariff for service in the two identified exchanges.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

The application for amendment of certificate filed on May 28, 1999, is granted. An amended certificate will be issued to Farmers when a tariff setting forth the terms and conditions of service and maps showing the new service territory have been reviewed and approved by the Board.

UTILITIES BOARD

/s/ Allan T. Thoms

/s/ Susan J. Frye

ATTEST:

/s/ Raymond K. Vawter, Jr. /s/ Diane Munns
Executive Secretary

Dated at Des Moines, Iowa, this 8th day of July, 1999.